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OFFICE ACTION

Previous Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn

1. The last Office action, mailed July 27, 2010, held that applicant's application was abandoned for failure to file any reply to the Office action of January 29, 2010. However, the Office action of January 29, 2010 was merely an Advisory Action, which did not set any time period for reply, therefore no reply thereto was required.
2. Furthermore, the Advisory Action of January 29, 2010 was itself improper, because the amendment it sought to address, filed on January 25, 2010, was not an after-final amendment, but a regular amendment, timely filed in response to the non-final rejection of July 24, 2009.
3. Therefore the holdings of the Notice of Abandonment of July 27, 2010 and the Advisory Action of January 29, 2010 are hereby withdrawn/vacated, and applicant's amendment/response of January 25, 2010, in reply to the non-final rejection of July 24, 2009, has been entered.
4. The application has been forwarded to the examiner for an Office action responsive to applicant's reply of January 25, 2010, and no further response is due from applicant at this time.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to the art unit supervisor, **Jerry O'Connor**, whose telephone number is **(571) 272-6787**, and whose facsimile number is **(571) 273-6787**.

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